SHRI VIJAY GOEL : You please ask the Minister to reply this question properly and you kindly allow Half-an-Hour discussion on this issue.

CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD : I am also in favour of an hour discussion instead of Half-an-Hour discussion because it is a serious issue. It should be discussed in detail so that opinions of Members could be got on it. Member can also ask questions on air pollution.

[English]

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR : Sir, Shri Rajesh Pilot is a former Minister of Environment. He is supporting that Party. So, he should stand up and clarify the answer!

12.00 hrs.

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Handique, quickly put a question in half a minute. If you want an answer, just put a one-line question.

SHRI BIJOY HANDIQUE : Mr. Speaker, Sir, according to an estimate, transport contributes 10 per cent of the SPM load in Delhi while 80 per cent SPM emission is attributable to industrial power generation. May I know from the hon. Minister whether his attention has been drawn to Justice Kuldip Singh's judgment for controlling air pollution to keep off one-third of the total vehicles? I would like to know whether the Government accepts the suggestion and if not, what alternative measures the Government are thinking to take.

MR. SPEAKER : I cautioned you.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Sugar Production

*65. SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the production of sugar has fallen short of the target;

(b) if so, the extent thereof;

(c) the contribution of sugar by States towards the Central pool, State-wise;

(d) the quantity of sugar proposed to be exported this year; and

(e) the action being taken by the Government to boost the sugar production?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (e). There has been a surplus production of sugar. Against the domestic off-take/requirement of about 130 lakh tonnes during the sugar season 1995-96, the production of sugar was 164.29 lakh tonnes (Provisional). The sugar industry ended the sugar season 1995-96 (as on 30.09.1996) with a closing stock of nearly 81 lakh tonnes as against more than 53 lakh tonnes in the previous year, on 30.09.95.

There is no Central Pool of sugar and as such the question of States' contributing to it does not arise. In the new sugar year, effort would be made to export as much sugar as possible in view of the fact that sugar supply position is very very comfortable.

Environmental Clearance to Power Projects

*66. SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether no environmental clearance is necessary for the power projects upto Rs. 1000 crore enblock without considering their environmental impact;

(b) whether no environmental clearance is necessary for the power projects upto Rs. 1000 crore in future;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if not, the measures proposed to ensure environment protection by all power projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Modalities for delegation of powers to State Governments for according environmental clearance to power projects are under finalisation.

Foreign Aid to banned Organisations

*67. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the banned organisations in the country continuously receiving foreign aid on a large scale;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating names of the banned organisations receiving foreign aid;

(c) the purposes for which the aid is utilised by these organisations; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) to (d). Government does not have any reports about organisations, declared as 'Unlawful associations' under the Law, continuously receiving foreign aid on large scale. However, there have been reports, from time to time, of the flow of illegal funds to various secessionist and militant organisations including banned organisations through clandestine channels. The Government and the security agencies are continuously making efforts to contain such